

# State of Connecticut



## Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development

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### Municipal Brownfield Grant Program

#### Overview

The Municipal Brownfield Grant Program provides financial assistance in the form of a grant-in-aid to municipalities and municipal entities who remediate property for purposes of retaining or expanding jobs in the state. Grants shall be available to applicants who remediate brownfields for new or expanded housing, manufacturing or mixed-use developments. These grants may be used in coordination and conjunction with other state brownfield grant and loan programs for the purpose of stimulating private investment and development in brownfields for reuse.

#### Eligible Applicants

- Municipalities who are not responsible for the property contamination
- A responsible municipal entity that carries out economic development activities on behalf of the municipality (not responsible for the property contamination).

#### Funding Awards

The Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) is authorized by PA 11-57 to provide grants to six (6) municipalities or municipal entities based on population:

- 2 municipalities with populations > 100,000
- 1 municipality with population > 50,000 and < 100,000
- 1 municipality with population < 50,000
- 2 municipalities selected by the Commissioner without regard to population

#### Review Criteria

Projects will be reviewed and ranked to determine project merit and viability. Factors that will be involved with the ranking include the potential economic and community development opportunity; community and regional support; contribution to the municipal tax base; number of jobs to be created and/or retained; and experience of the municipality undertaking large-scale projects.

#### Eligible Uses of Assistance

- Investigation, assessment, remediation, abatement, hazardous materials or waste disposal;
- Planning and engineering including, but not limited to, the reasonable cost of environmental consultants, laboratory analysis, investigatory and remedial contractors, architects, attorneys' fees, feasibility studies, appraisals, market studies and related activities;
- Acquisition of real property, provided financial assistance for such acquisition shall not exceed fair market value as appraised as if clean (not contaminated);
- Construction of site and infrastructure improvements related to the site remediation;
- Building and structural issues, including demolition, asbestos abatement, polychlorinated biphenyls removal, contaminated wood or paint removal, and other infrastructure remedial activities;
- Remediation, groundwater monitoring, including, but not limited to, natural attenuation groundwater monitoring and costs associated with filing an environmental land use restriction environmental insurance; and
- Other reasonable expenses the Commissioner determines are necessary or appropriate for the initiation, implementation and completion of the project.